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No. DW.14(9)/54.—Floods in the States of U.P., Bihar and parts of West Bengal are caused by the Ganga and its tributaries, while the Brahmaputra and its tributaries are responsible for floods in the States of Assam and parts of West Bengal. The Central Flood Control Board constituted recently to deal with flood control problems in the country decided in their first meeting on the 15th of September, 1954, to set up two River Commissions, one for the Ganga basin and the other for the Brahmaputra basin, to assist the Board in all technical matters including preparation of integrated plans for flood control for the two basins and examination of specific schemes to be carried out in the States. The Government of India have, accordingly, set up the Ganga River Commission (Floods) and the Brahmaputra River Commission (Floods).

2. *Constitution of the River Commissions.*—(a) The Ganga River Commission (Floods) will consist of the following:—

Chairman

- (i) Chairman. Central Water and Power Commission.

Members

- (ii) Chief Engineer(s) in charge of Flood Control, U.P.
- (iii) Chief Engineer(s) in charge of Flood Control, Bihar.
- (iv) Chief Engineer(s) in charge of Flood Control, West Bengal.
- (v) Director, Central Water and Power Research Station, Poona.
- (vi) Inspector-General of Forests or his representative.
- (vii) Surveyor-General of India or his representative.
- (viii) Director, Geological Survey of India, or his representative.
- (ix) Director-General of Observatories, Meteorological Department, or his representative.
- (x) Chairman, Railway Board, or his representative.
- (xi) Chief Engineer, in charge of Kosi Project.
- (xii) Chief Engineer (Flood Control) in charge of Planning, CW & PC.

Member-Secretary

- (xiii) Chief Engineer (Flood Control) in charge of Field Investigations, Central Water and Power Commission.

(b) The Brahmaputra River Commission (Floods) will consist of the following:—

Chairman

(i) Chairman, Central Water and Power Commission

Members

- (i) Chief Engineer(s) in charge of Flood Control, Assam.
- (ii) Chief Engineer(s) in charge of Flood Control, West Bengal.
- (iv) Superintending Engineer, North-East Frontier Agency.
- (v) Director, Central Water and Power Research Station, Poona.
- (vi) Inspector-General of Forests or his representative.
- (vii) Surveyor-General of India or his representative.
- (viii) Director, Geological Survey of India, or his representative.
- (ix) Director-General of Observatories, Meteorological Department, or his representative.
- (x) Chairman, Railway Board, or his representative.
- (xi) Chief Engineer (Flood Control) in charge of Planning, CW & PC.

Member-Secretary

(xii) Chief Engineer (Flood Control) in charge of Field Investigations Central Water and Power Commission.

3. The two Commissions may co-opt specialists, Indian or foreign, and also representatives of the Roads organisation, as and when necessary.

4. *Functions.*—The functions of the two Commissions will be to assist the Central Flood Control Board in all technical matters connected with Flood control measures with particular reference to the following:—

- (a) Preparation of a comprehensive programme for surveys and collection of data for formulation of flood control schemes.
 - (b) Preparation of integrated plans for the river basins after due consideration of the proposals of the State Governments, for flood control works.
 - (c) Review of the progress of work regarding the collection of data, preparation of schemes and their implementation.
 - (d) Advising the State Governments, whenever necessary, on technical problems pertaining to flood control.
 - (e) Recommendation of measures to cope with emergent situations.
5. The Commissions will frame their Rules of Business.

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